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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No. 09/939,482 Group Art Unit No. 3627
Filing Date: September 9, 1999 Examiner: Luu, Tuyet Phuong Pham
Inventor: Jerry H. Chisnell
Title: Use of a Single or Multiple Ring Strategically Placed in a Hose Coupling
to Reinforce Material Against Collapse

Request for Two Months Extension

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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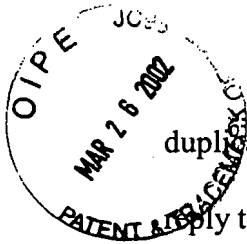
The undersigned attorney respectfully requests a two month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of October 22, 2001. If granted, a response will be due on March 22, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$1140.00 is enclosed, and includes the requisite fee for the two-month extension and the fee for the Request for Continued Examination. A

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duplicate copy of this request and a self-addressed return envelope to facilitate the prompt reply to this request, and a favorable decision is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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